

## "How Do You Get Involved?"

**FIRST**, recruit 15 to 40 interested people from your community, neighborhood, school or business. Some "natural" groups to approach and recruit are:

### 1. COMMUNITY GROUPS

Homeowners' associations, neighborhood watch groups, religious groups and similar organizations within the local area.

### 2. BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Possible locations include high-rise office buildings, large hotels, and industrial complexes.

### 3. PUBLIC, COMMUNITY OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

PTSA organizations and faculty groups. Christian County CERT trainers are also certified as TEEN CERT trainers and can offer CERT training to student school clubs and civic groups or as an addition to any school, after-school or summer school curriculum.

### 4. CHURCHES

Churches wanting to respond and help their neighbors and community in time of a natural disaster or emergency, will gain invaluable knowledge.

### 5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local government employees who are trained in CERT procedures can help local government agencies continue to provide needed services to citizens during an emergency.

**SECOND**, select a meeting place that can accommodate your group and is available for 21 hours of training.

**THIRD**, call the Christian County Emergency Management office to request your classes and obtain information on books and equipment.

To be CERT certified you need the full 21 hours of training, but to better educate yourself in a specific area of interest, you may choose to take any of the units independently. For example; if a lady just wants to take the fire suppression unit that's OK! If you want to take the medical operation units and no other, that's OK too! You won't become CERT team members, but from the training you receive you will know how to better take care of yourself and your neighborhood. Visit [www.cccert.org](http://www.cccert.org) for a list of scheduled classes and available units.



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CERT is a joint effort between Christian County Emergency Management and the various Public Safety Agencies in Christian County



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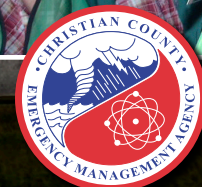
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## What Does the Course Involve?

The CERT course consists of 21 hours of training, and is taught by certified CERT instructors and professional emergency responders including; firefighters, emergency medical and law enforcement personnel from your community.

The course units and agenda includes:

### 1. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Introduction to disasters, impact of disasters on infrastructures, the role of CERT's in disaster response.

### 2. FIRE SUPPRESSION

Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards, basic fire suppression strategy, resources, and techniques.

### 3. MEDICAL OPERATIONS

Part 1: Treatment strategies for life threatening conditions and principles of triage.

### 4. MEDICAL OPERATIONS

Part 2: Head-to-toe assessments, treatment for various injuries.

### 5. LIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

Techniques for size-up and search, lifting, cribbing and removing victims, rescuer safety.

### 6. CERT TEAM ORGANIZATION

CERT equipment, organizing your team, decision making.

### 7. DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY

Post disaster emotional environment.

### 8. TERRORISM AWARENESS

Also includes a course review and shelter in place information.

### 9. DISASTER SIMULATION EXERCISE

## What If A Disaster Happened to You?

CERT teams are trained to take care of themselves and then help others in their communities for the first three days following a disaster. This is when debris-clogged or damaged roads, disrupted communications, or high volume of calls may prevent access by emergency response personnel. The purpose of CERT training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all their own needs and then to be able to respond to their communities' needs in the aftermath of a disaster.

**"We will find ways to train and mobilize... to help when rescue and health emergencies arise."**

- President George W. Bush, 2002



## What is CERT and Why Is There a Need?

Each year, many Missouri communities are rocked by severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods or flash floods, winter storms, or by "man made" disasters. The damage caused by such disasters effect everyone. Disasters can severely restrict and overwhelm emergency response resources, communications, transportation and utilities; and leave individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside emergency support.

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☐ **YES!** Sign me up for the next class!

☐ **Not Yet!** But keep me updated on any future classes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

eMail \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact information will not be shared with any other agency or business, and will remain in the protected care of the Christian County Emergency Management office. It will be used only for the purpose of informing you on your CERT class or upcoming classes. Thank you for your participation and interest!

